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 $\P1$. (U) We delivered the reftel fiber-optic infrastructure questionnaire and cover letter to the MFAQs Americas Desk Chief Ismat

Fayzullaev on May 5. Fayzullaev promised to relay these to the Uzbek

Communication and Information Agency. On May 28 one of Fayzullaev's

assistants checked on the status and told us a response was expected "soon."

12. (SBU) On May 29 one of our LES called a contact within the Communication Agency who said he was unaware of the questionnaire's

with Fayzullaev, who promised to look into the matter.

 $\P 3.$ (U) COMMENT: At this point we believe the questionnaire most likely is misplaced between offices that are not communicating with

each other. We will push hard for a response in the coming days. ${\tt END}$ COMMENT

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